

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

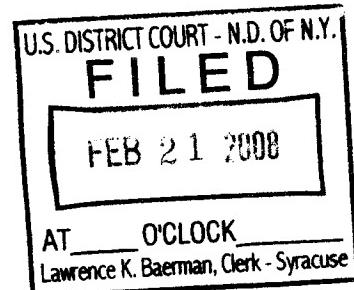
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

Criminal No. 5:08-MJ-48 (GHL)

ESTEBAN CORTES-BERNAL,
also known as MARIO RODRIGUEZ,

Defendant.



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FOR THE GOVERNMENT:

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GEORGE H. LOWE, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

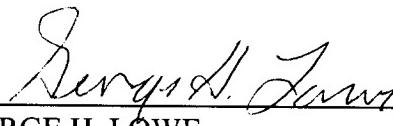
ORDER APPROVING WAIVER OF
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

The defendant is charged by criminal complaint with possession of false identification documents, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. 1028(a)(4), and misuse of a social security number, in violation of Title 42 U.S.C. 408(a)(7)(B). Defendant initially appeared before me in connection with this charge on February 13, 2008. Defendant's counsel has completed a written form advising the Court that the Defendant wishes to waive his right to a preliminary

examination, and has explained the nature of the preliminary examination to the defendant, and that the defendant was knowingly and voluntarily waiving his right to a preliminary examination with full knowledge of the consequences thereof.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that defendant's waiver of his right to a preliminary examination, which I find to be knowing, intelligent and voluntary, is accepted.



GEORGE H. LOWE
U.S. Magistrate Judge

Dated: February 21, 2008
Syracuse, NY